

I would like to comment regarding the FCC's discussions that would result in preempting Indiana and other states "Do Not Call" lists in favor of adopting one lower national standard.

Indiana has enjoyed one of these "do not call" lists this year and I can not overstate how much this has improved the situation we previously had of unwanted sales calls at our home.

It was common to receive multiple (3-7) calls per day, typically during our evening meal time and family personal time together. It was an unwanted intrusion of our privacy. We left an answering machine on at all times to screen out these pests.

In fact, with older parents in failing health, I saw it as more than an inconvenience in the potential case where one of these callers could be tying up the phone in a critical need situation when my parents would try to contact me. It also used to be common on the local evening news to hear stories of senior citizens with early phases of alzheimer's disease that were duped by some of these salesmen into believing they had to buy products or services they did not need. Since Indiana has implemented these "do not call" lists, these stories are no longer common news short stories.

In summary, Indiana's positive experience with their "do not call" list has greatly improved the lives and privacy of my family and friends. I strongly believe that this is about the right of individual citizens to be able to block unwanted calls and maintain their privacy. Remember, the citizen has to sign up for these programs, therefore they have made their choice that they do not want these type of calls; any weakening of the Indiana law would therefore not be for the protection of the individuals but purely for the benefit of business. Please do not reduce our ability to make this decision proactively and place our names on these "do not call lists." This is about our individual rights to privacy which for the present time the Indiana law is able to protect and should not in any way be weakened.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Regards,

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